

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MORE PASSPORT FACILITATION CENTRES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Passport Facilitation Centres (PFCs) located in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more PFCs in view of the increasing number of passport applicants;
- (c) if so, the locations identified for this purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the new PFCs are likely to be set up in various States including Tamil Nadu?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a),(b) & (c) At the moment, there are 37 passport offices all over the country. However, it is proposed to set up 77 Passport Facilitation Centres or Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) across the country as part of implementation of the Passport Seva Project. The final decision on their actual location is yet to be taken. There will be a provision to increase public dealing counters at PSKs or open additional PSKs, in keeping with the increase in passport demand.

(d) All the 77 PSKs, including those in Tamil Nadu, are expected to be established by January, 2010.